

LPG agencies pending for approval

†2424. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG connections proposed to be released by Government during the current financial year;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of LPG agencies in the country which are pending for approval with Government;
- (d) the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when these agencies will be approved and the number of villages which will benefit as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government have a plan to release 1 crore LPG (domestic) connections during calendar year 2000 which will liquidate the waiting list registered with LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies as on 1.12.1999. Statewise details of LPG (domestic) connections to be released against the waiting list, during the year 2000 are given in Annexed Statement-I (See below).

(c) to (e) The total number of LPG agencies awaiting clearance in the country, State-wise is given in Annexed Statement-II (See below).

Locations found feasible are included in the Marketing Plan and advertised by the Oil Companies from time to time for selection of distributors through the Dealer Selection Boards (DSB). The DSBs which were functioning earlier have been dissolved and new Boards have been constituted.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I
Statewise details of pending waiting list

States	Waiting List as on 1.12.1999
Andhra Pradesh	994278
Arunachal Pradesh	1167
Assam	32995
Bihar	482377
Delhi	0
Goa	40019
Gujarat	494208
Haryana	251783
Himachal Pradesh	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0
Karnataka	413798
Kerala	862785
Madhya Pradesh	552324
Maharashtra	837248
Manipur	5755
Meghalaya	1134
Mizoram	2817
Nagaland	1743
Orissa	178482
Punjab	699424
Rajasthan	584270
Sikkim	0
Tamil Nadu	1192428
Tripura	1755
Uttar Pradesh	1137580
West Bengal	545138
STATE TOTAL :	9313508
 UNION TERRITORIES	
Andaman & Nicobar	12828
Chandigarh	0
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
Daman and Diu	0
Lakshadweep	0
Pondicherry	0
TOTAL :	12828
ALL INDIA :	9326336

Statement-II
*Statewise position of distributorships
 awaiting clearance as on 1.4.2000
 (Provisional)*

States	No. of distributorships awaiting clearance (Provisional)
Andhra Pradesh	197
Arunachal Pradesh	7
Assam	59
Bihar	190
Delhi	15
Goa	28
Gujarat	163
Haryana	78
Himachal Pradesh	23
Jammu & Kashmir	16
Karnataka	106
Kerala	121
Madhya Pradesh	333
Maharashtra	305
Manipur	11
Meghalaya	7
Mizoram	6
Nagaland	6
Orissa	53
Punjab	98
Rajasthan	151
Sikkim	0
Tamil Nadu	193
Tripura	12
Uttar Pradesh	568
West Bengal	113
 Union Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	6
Chandigarh	5
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
Daman & Diu	0
Lakshadweep	0
Pondicherry	3
TOTAL :	2873